Confidential.

LANGFORD HOUSE,
RICHMOND ROAD,
BANGALORE.
23rd May 1918.

Dear Campbell,

I confirm the telegram I sent you yesterday, a copy of which is enclosed.

I have seen the correspondence and see nothing there to presume that the British authorities want me to be ousted.

We have made a lot of improvements to the buildings and grounds in Langford at our own expense and have fixed up another lease for two years.

We want a lot of accommodation and as you are aware, have not been accustomed to live in small houses as the Dewan seems to think. I had a talk with him in Ooty and I understood him to suggest that Government might arrange a house for the General in the High Ground. Now it seems he wants me to make a sacrifice!

My house arrangement is my own and unless the British authorities compel me to quit, I am not going to move. They may of course do so if their friendly negotiation with the Durbar fails.

The Durbar have several houses under their control as well as occupation in the High Ground. The Education Office which used to be Rice's bungalow is one which among others could be offered. As an extreme measure we could, under our Defence of India Act force Martin to quit and vacate Westward Ho.

As there are so many alternatives, I do not see why I should be put to difficulties. When I came here, I had to shift for myself and after considerable trouble, annoyance and expense fixed ourselves up at Langford House and I think we are entitled to enjoy the benefits of our own expenditure incurred on the house and grounds &c., and all the trouble without any interference.

As a last resource, I suggested that your residence in Bangalore may be considered. At any rate whichever house is thought for me in the High Ground as good enough for us, can very well be offered to the General without causing disturbance to us.

I hope you will very kindly look into this question and stop any dealings which are likely to be unfair to us.

Yours sincerely,

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